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1. South Vietnam

Most of the key figures involved in the antigovernment movement which followed General Thi's ouster in March now have either been packed off to Saigon or apprehended by Ky's security forces. Thus, for the time being at least, organized resistance seems to be coming to an end.

Tam Chau saw Tri Quang today and urged him to approve some limited demands which the Buddhist Institute is apparently negotiating with the government. These demands have been watered down considerably; they now center on the questions of government indemnification for Buddhist personnel and property damages and the release of persons arrested for supporting the struggle movement. There is no indication that the government will accept the latter demand.

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2. Egypt

Cairo is stepping up its press campaign against Saudi Arabia during King Faysal's visit to the US. One influential Cairo paper, al-Ahram, said the purpose of Faysal's trip is to get still more support for an alleged US-Saudi campaign against the "progressive liberated" Arab states. Another paper has concentrated on US-Saudi cooperation, accusing the US of assisting in the suppression of labor disturbances at Aramco.

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3. Communist China

Recurrent rumors of friction along the Chinese border with the Mongolian Republic have been confirmed by a Chinese diplomatic note to the Mongolians complaining about a border incident last April.

The note, published in Peking on 20 June, alleges that Mongolian border guards abducted a herdsman from Chinese territory and interrogated him for weeks "in the presence of Soviet personnel" about Chinese military matters.

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The Chinese note also refers to earlier "planned border provocations" by the Mongolians which "seriously damage" relations between the two countries.

4. Indonesia

The triumvirate now effectively in control is cautiously using the current session of the Indonesian assembly to strengthen itself, but is stopping shy of a direct attack on Sukarno.

The congress has approved and extended General Suharto's executive authority until elections can be held. General Nasution was elected chairman of the assembly, which makes him next in the line of succession to the presidency if anything should happen to Sukarno.

Sukarno delivered a characteristically emotional speech to the assembly today, tactfully welcoming its proposal for general elections and saying that a body so elected could review the question of his life tenure in the presidency. Student elements want to go further in attacking Sukarno, but the triumvirate is unwilling.

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5. Iraq

Negotiations are again under way between the Iraqi Government and Kurdish rebel leader Barzani. Prime Minister Bazzaz has sent two delegations to Barzani recently, the second of which is still with him hammering out details of a settlement.

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6. Poland

The regime apparently expects public disorders during the six-day church millennium observances that began in Warsaw on 21 June. Police, plainclothesmen, and riot equipment are in evidence in the streets. A variety of sports and other secular events timed to draw attention from the religious program has just been announced by the authorities. They, as well as Cardinal Wyszynski, want to avoid a collision, but public emotions are running high.

7. Cyprus

A new crisis has suddenly flared as a result of a Cyprus Government ban on travel by Turkish Cypriots in Nicosia. The ban allegedly was imposed because of Turkish Cypriot complicity in another bomb incident last Monday.

Ankara responded with a threat to take some unspecified action if the ban were not lifted. This ultimatum expired at 6:00 p.m. EDT.

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All things considered, a serious confrontation seems to be imminent.

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8. Bolivia

The danger of an assassination attempt against leading presidential candidate Rene Barrientos has lessened. Barrientos announced to the press late yesterday that the police had discovered a plot to assassinate him. The would-be assassin has been jailed, and it seems unlikely that the plotters backing him will try to proceed with their plans.

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